

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-26 and 28-38 are pending. Claims 1, 15 and 22 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 7, 9-14, 16-21, 23-26 and 30-35 are original. Claims 6, 8, 28-29 are previously presented. Claims 36-38 are canceled. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

1. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-16, 21-26, 28, 31-35, 37 and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Adachi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,29,262) in view of Abileah (U.S. Pat. No. 5,262,880). Claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 29 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Adachi et al. in view of Abileah and in further view of An et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,392,724). Claims 17 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Adachi et al. in view of Abileah and in further view of Kanatsu et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,867,825). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based on the following remarks.

The Examiner has asserted that the element 15 of Adachi et al. corresponds to the heat protection plate of the presently claimed invention. However, the element 15 of Adachi et al. is a light diffusing plate for diffusing light emitted from the lamp to the LCD panel.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that Adachi et al in view of Abileah does not teach or suggest all the limitations as recited in independent claims 1, 15 and 22. Accordingly, the rejections against independent claims 1, 15 and 22, and thus

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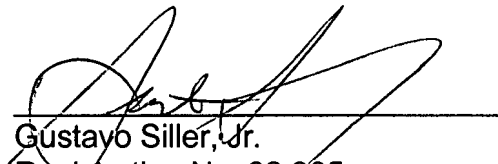
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the rejections against claims 2-4, 6-14, 16-21, 23-26 and 28-35, which all depend from independent claims 1, 15 and 22, have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

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